



Representative Ryan Dvorak

New Wheel Tax Legislation to Help Seniors

St. Joseph County's Wheel Tax ordinance was big news last year. While this was solely a local government tax, I still heard from many of my constituents who felt it was an unnecessary burden—especially on senior citizens living on a fixed income.

To help address this issue, I began working with county government officials almost a year ago to help find a way to provide tax relief where it was needed most. We wanted to find a way to craft an exemption so those who can least afford to pay that new tax could be exempt from it.

I am proud to say that my bill currently before the Indiana House of Representatives, House Bill 1103, is the result of that work. House Bill 1103 would allow any county with a wheel tax ordinance to exempt individuals that:



- Are at least 65 years of age on or before December 31 of the year preceding the year in which the wheel tax is due; and
- Whose adjusted gross income does not exceed \$25,000 for the year preceding the year in which the surtax is due.

I truly believe that seniors living on a fixed income deserve this break. It is hard enough today for them to pay the bills, buy groceries, and afford medical care. One less tax may not guarantee prosperity, but it will help with the monthly budget.

House Bill 1103 has already passed through committee, and will soon proceed to the floor of the House. I will continue to work diligently in hopes of seeing this bill become law.

Rep. Ryan Dvorak—working for you

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